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Examiner: C.M. Koslow
Art Unit: 1755

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Remarks

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks. Claims 26, 28-30, 34 and 36 are amended. Amendments to claim 26 is supported, for instance, in allowed claim 10 and at page 18, lines 21-24 of Applicant's specification. Amendments to claims 28-30, 34 and 36 delete the term "mainly" and similarly track, for instance, the language of allowed claims 15-17. No new matter has been added. Claims 10, 13-19 and 24-37 are pending. Claims 31 and 32 are objected to. Claims 10, 13-19, 24, 25, 33, 35, and 37 are allowed. Applicant appreciates Examiner's allowance of these claims.

Claims 26-30, 34 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection to the extent it is maintained.

Claim 26 has been written in independent form. Thus, molar ratio recited in claim 26 no longer depends upon the scope of claim 10. The weight ratio of claim 27 depends upon claim 26 and is within its scope. Claim 28-30, 34, and 36 have been rewritten to delete the term "mainly," as suggested by the Examiner. These claims recite the language "the majority of..." and "is made up of..." which substantially track, for instance, claims 15-17. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 26-32, 34, and 36 are definite and allowable.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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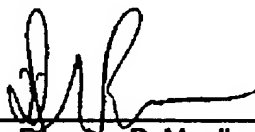
In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested. Any questions or concerns regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Douglas P. Mueller, Reg. No. 30,300, at (612)455.3800.

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